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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A MAY 6 STATEMENT BY MOFA SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION REGARDING ROK ALLEGED INTENTIONS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PRC ON DEVELOPING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE EAST CHINA SEA:

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THIS MINISTRY STATED EMPHATICALLY ON FEBRUARY 14, 1974
THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA RESERVES ALL HER SOVEREIGN
RIGHTS OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF EXTENDING FROM HER COAST
INCLUDING PART OF THE EAST CHINA SEA. THESE RIGHTS INCLUDE
THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND TO EXPLOIT
ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. WE WISH HEREBY TO REITERATE THE
FIRM POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPULIC OF CHINA

ON THIS MATTER AND ALSO TO STATE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SHOULD CONTACT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPING THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WHICH INVOLVES THE TERRITORIAL RIGHTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

END TEXT

2. COMMENT: THE MOFA STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE NOT ONLY A REITERATION OF ROC SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE CHINA MACLAND BUT ALSO A REMINDER TO THE ROK THAT THE ROC DOES NOT LOOK KINDLY ON CONTACTS WITH PEKING. UNGER

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